In re Appln. of Taniguchi et al. Serial No. Unassigned

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figures 1, 5a, and 20 as indicated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, after "1999," insert ‡ and designating the United States--;

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the 10, change "The" to --A--;

change "may be said as a devise" to --is a device--;

fine 14, change "digging" to --drilling--;

line 20, change "change" to --changes--;

change "a" to --the--;

line 24, change "stratum" to --strata--;

Page 2, line 3, change "stratum" to --strata--;

line 10, delete "the" (second occurrence)

line 12, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 14, change "even" to --uniform--;
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